

**Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee  
MSDH Board Room  
Jackson, MS  
Minutes**

**January 11, 2001**

**MTAC Members Present:**

Hugh Gamble, M.D.  
David Cook, R.N.  
Wells Wilson, M.D.  
John Cook, M.D.  
John Lucas, M.D.  
William T. Avara, M.D.  
Bob McDonald  
John Brahan, M.D.  
Jerry Green  
Galen Poole, M.D.  
Christine Weiland, R.N.  
John Nelson, M.D.  
Lucy Cumbest, R.N.

**MTAC Members Not Present:**

Rodney Frothingham, M.D.  
Charles Piggott, M.D.  
Brennett Lyles, R.N., REMT-P  
Marshall Tucker

**EMS Staff Present:**

Keith Parker  
Beth Nation  
Fran Dickie  
Austin Banks  
Jonathan Chaney  
Harriette Dickerson  
Dave Kuchta  
Jim Craig

**Others Present:**

Wade Spruill, Jr.  
Ingrid Williams  
Janice Conerly  
Cyndy Moore  
Ricky Boggan

**I. Call to Order:**

- A. Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gamble at 1:15 p.m.

**II Adoption of Minutes:**

- A. Minutes from November 9, 2000 MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

### **III Reports:**

- A. Central Trauma Care Region - Dr. Cook
  - 1. Level IV applicant hospitals have been inspected
  - 2. Regional Trauma Plan submitted to the Department.
- B. North Trauma Care Region - Dr. Piggott
  - 1. Level IV applicant hospitals have been inspected
  - 2. Regional Trauma Plan submitted to the Department.
- C. Coastal Trauma Care Region - Dr. Avara
  - 1. Level IV applicant hospitals have been inspected.
  - 2. Region in the process of hiring an Administrator.
  - 3. Regional Trauma Plan submitted to the Department.
- D. Southeast Trauma Care Region - Dr. Brahan
  - 1. Level IV applicant hospitals have been inspected
- E. Delta Trauma Care Region - Dr. Lucas
  - 1. One refund check for '99 funds received at the Region.
- F. Southwest Trauma Care Region - Dr. Wilson
  - 1. Level IV applicant hospitals have been inspected
  - 2. Regional Trauma Plan submitted to the Department.
- G. East Central Trauma Care Region - Fran Dickie
  - 1. Level IV applicant hospitals have been inspected
  - 2. Regional Trauma Plan submitted to the Department.

### **IV Old Business:**

- A. Clarification of Collection of Anesthesia Registry Data
  - 1. Discussion to include CRNA's in the data collection for Anesthesia Services.
  - 2. The decision was to include CRNA's in the data collection process and that each hospital must submit the billing methods for CRNA's so that a

conclusion can be made as to the total impact of Anesthesia Services inclusion will have on the Trauma Care Trust Fund.

**B. Back-up surgeon on-call for Level II Trauma Centers**

1. Discussion to require the back-up surgeon at Level II Trauma Centers be dedicated to the trauma center while on back-up call.
2. Motion made to add the following sentence to regulations under Section XII, II, footnote 2, page XII-4: "The back-up surgeon on-call must be dedicated to the trauma center and not on-call to any other hospital while on back-up trauma call.
3. Motion made by Dr. Nelson, Seconded by Dr. Avara, Motion passed without dissension.

**C. Trauma Surgeon Consultant**

1. Dr. Gamble informed MTAC that a Trauma Surgeon Consultant has not been acquired and that recruitment was ongoing.

**D. Trauma Registry Update**

1. Ms. Nation reported that she was going to start installing the Regional Trauma Registry's soon.

**V New Business**

**E. Administrative Fund Distribution**

1. Mr. Green presented a letter from the North Trauma Care Region asking the MTAC to review the distribution of the \$85,0000 for Administrative Funds to each Region.
2. The North TCR requests discussion to change the amount distributed based on geographic area of the Region or on participating hospitals.
3. After discussion, decision was to continue current distribution of \$85,000 to each Region until each Region can demonstrate that the use of the funds are appropriate.

**F. Development of Designation Appeal Process**

1. Discussion regarding how to process an appeal of a trauma center inspection. Regulation state that the hospital has (30) thirty days to appeal an inspection. MTAC must decide the process of that appeal after it is received.
2. Motion for Designation Appeal Process: The Chairman will appoint a sub-

committee of the MTAC to hear each appeal. This sub-committee will be appointed based on the issues of the appeal and will change for each instance. The sub-committee will hear the appeal, formulate a report of facts of the case and make a recommendation to the full MTAC. Upon adoption of the report by MTAC, the recommendation, with the report will be forwarded to Dr. Ed Thompson, State Health Officer for a final decision.

3. Motion made by Dr. Avara, Seconded by Dr. Cook, Motion passes without dissension.

G. Comments from Mr. Wade Spruill

1. Mr. Spruill stated the extreme need for the 2001 Legislature to include funding for law passed in 2001 Session allowing contiguous state Level I Trauma Center to participating in the Mississippi Trauma Care System. He recommended that the MTAC write the members of the Legislature in support of funding the additional \$2,000,000 into the Trauma Care Trust Fund.
2. Dr. Gamble state that he would write a letter to each member of the House and Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.

H. Discussion of Confidential Session under §41-63-1

1. Dr. Gamble reads the Confidential Session rule prior to discussion of Trauma Center Inspection reports

I. Discussion of Recusal Rule

1. Dr. Gamble reads Recusal Rule prior to discussion of Trauma Center Inspection reports.

J. MTAC enters Confidential Session at 2:45 p.m.

K. MTAC exits Confidential Session at 3:45 p.m.

L. Discussion regarding next MTAC meeting.

1. The next scheduled meeting will be March 1, 2001.

**VI Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.